

REMARKS

A Petition for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Claims 1-3 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In view of the Examiner's comments, Applicant has amended claim 1 to make it clear and definite. It is submitted that claim 1 and its dependent claims 2 and 3 are now in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-3 are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura et al. in combination with Ding. Applicant traverses the rejection for the following reasons.


Applicant submits that original claim 1 is patentable in view of the references cited by the Examiner. However, in order to expedite the prosecution, Applicant has moved main limitations of claim 3, which is not rejected, into claim 1. It

is submitted that Nakamura et al. and Ding, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest the step of implementing a pre-treatment cleaning process to form the top surface of the protrusion into a semicircle shape, as recited in claim 1, as amended.

Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claim 2 are not made obvious over Nakamura et al. in combination with Ding under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-3 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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